

REMARKS

Claims 2-18, 30 and 32 are pending in this application, claim 31 having been cancelled by the above amendment. Of these claims, claims 2-5 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Vu et al. Claims 2-4 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action.

In view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks, these rejections are traversed, and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-18 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

By the above amendment, the language “for directing the light source for positioning” has been deleted from independent claims 2 and 30. It is believed that these claims are now definite, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the §112, second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Independent claims 2 and 5 include an attachment assembly attached to a vehicle for securing the mirror to the vehicle, and an approach light within the attachment assembly. Independent claim 5 and amended claim 30 state that the reflector is pivoted between a forward direction and a rearward direction for providing illumination in both directions.

U.S. Patent No. 4,916,430 issued to Vu et al. discloses a backup side view mirror 10 including a mirror 14, a lamp 26 and a reflector mirror 28. Figure 6 shows that the reflector 28 can be pivoted on a hinge 46 with respect to the housing 20 to allow some

of the reflected light from the lamp 26 to be directed rearwardly to aid in illuminating the rear fender 32 of the motor vehicle (column 2, lines 47-51). A bracket 16 secures the mirror light 10 to the vehicle.

The Examiner states that the bracket 16 is Applicant's claimed attachment assembly. As stated above, Applicant's claimed approach light is in the attachment assembly. However, the Vu et al. lamp 26 and reflector 28 are positioned within the mirror housing 20, and not the bracket 16. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Vu et al. cannot anticipate Applicant's independent claims 2 and 5. Further, Vu et al. does not provide teaching necessary to make obvious Applicant's independent claims 2 and 5 because there is no suggestion or teaching in Vu et al. that the lamp 26 can be positioned in the bracket 16.

As discussed above, the reflector mirror 28 can be pivoted on the hinge 46 to change the rearward illumination direction of the lamp 26. Applicant's independent claims 5 and 30 state that the reflector is pivoted between the forward direction and the rearward direction to provide illumination in both the forward and rearward directions. Nowhere in Vu et al. does it teach or suggest that the reflector mirror 28 can direct light from the lamp 26 in the forward direction. Therefore, Vu et al. cannot anticipate or make obvious independent claims 5 and 30 for this reason.

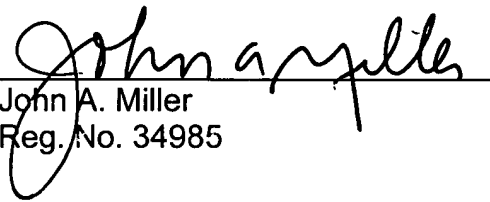
In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the §102(b) rejection be withdrawn.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact with Applicant's representative would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

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